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Amendments to the Claims:

Please rewrite claims 1, 3, 6, 11, 23, 25, 28, 33, 45, 51, 53 and 56 as follows,
and cancel claims 2, 24, 48, 52, 54 and 55.²

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Claim 1 (Currently amended): A method of controlling a pest by at least partially coating the pest with a particulate material incorporating a killing or behavior-modifying agent, the method comprising the steps of drawing the pest sufficiently close to a surface bearing the particulate material so as to render , ~~and rendering~~ the particulate material airborne, and then electrostatically coating at least part of the pest with the particulate material, the particulate matter being sufficiently fine as to become both airborne and electrostatically charged by ~~movement~~ of the pest flying in the region of the surface , ~~the particulate material becoming electrostatically charged as a result of being rendered airborne.~~

Claim 2 (Cancelled)

Claim 3 (Currently amended): A method according to claim 1 ~~2~~, wherein the

² Claim amendments presented herein are in accordance with the "Revised Amendment Format" published in the Official Gazette on February 25, 2003. Strikethroughs indicate deletions and underlining indicates insertions.

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powder is combined with at least one biological, synthetic or natural pesticide as a killing agent.

Claim 4 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein the pest is an insect pest.

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Claim 5 (Cancelled)

Claim 6 (Currently amended): A method according to claim 1 5, wherein the particulate material is charged by friction.

Claim 7 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein the surface is associated with a trap comprising an electrically insulating material.

Claim 8 (Original): A method according to claim 7, wherein the electrically insulating material comprises a plastics material.

Claim 9 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 1, further comprising providing a pheromone or parapheromone attractant to lure the pest to the

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surface.

Claim 10 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein the surface is coated with the particulate material, and the particulate material is an electrostatically charged fine powder.

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Claim 11 (Currently amended): A method according to claim 10, wherein the powder retains ~~is capable of retaining~~ the electrostatic charge while on the surface.

Claim 12 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein undesired removal or loss of the particulate material from the surface is eliminated or at least substantially reduced.

Claim 13 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 12, wherein undesired removal or other loss of the particulate material from the surface is eliminated or at least substantially reduced by means of raised edges at the periphery of the surface.

Claim 14 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein

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the particulate material is accommodated in at least one recess associated with the surface.

Claim 15 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 14, wherein the at least one recess is defined in the surface.

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Claim 16 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 15, wherein the upper periphery of the at least one recess is provided with raised edges.

Claim 17 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein the surface is provided on a plate which is preformed and stands alone.

Claim 18 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 14, wherein the at least one recess is a trough in which the particulate material is accommodated.

Claim 19 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 14, wherein the dimensions of the at least one recess in which the particulate material is accommodated, are smaller than those of the pests to be controlled.

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Claim 20 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 1, wherein the surface is part of a tubular trap.

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Claim 21 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 20, wherein the trap has a triangular cross-section.

Claim 22 (Previously amended): A method according to claim 20, wherein the surface is an interior surface of the trap.

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Claim 23 (Currently amended): Pest control apparatus comprising a surface in a region of which a pest is capable of being lured and which bears a particulate material incorporating a killing or behavior-modifying agent, the particulate material being sufficiently fine as to become both airborne and being capable of being electrostatically charged ~~when rendered airborne by movement of the pest flying~~ in the region of the surface.

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Claim 24 (Cancelled)

Claim 25 (Currently amended): Apparatus according to claim 23 ~~24~~, wherein the powder is combined with at least one biological, synthetic or natural pesticide as a killing agent.

Claim 26 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the pest is an insect pest.

Claim 27 (Cancelled)

Claim 28 (Currently amended): Apparatus according to claim 23 ~~27~~,

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wherein the particulate material is chargeable by friction.

Claim 29 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the surface is associated with a trap, comprising an electrically insulating material.

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Claim 30 (Original): Apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the electrically insulating material comprises a plastics material.

Claim 31 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 23, further comprising a pheromone or parapheromone attractant.

Claim 32 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the surface is coated with the particulate material, and the particulate material is an electrostatically charged fine powder.

Claim 33 (Currently amended): Apparatus according to claim 32, wherein the powder retains ~~is capable of retaining~~ its electrostatic charge while on the trap surface.

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Claim 34 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 23, wherein undesired removal or loss of the particulate material from the surface is eliminated or at least substantially reduced.

Claim 35 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 34, wherein undesired removal or other loss of the particulate material from the surface is eliminated or at least substantially reduced by raised edges at the periphery of the surface.

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Claim 36 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the particulate material is accommodated in at least one recess associated with the surface.

Claim 37 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the at least one recess is defined in the surface.

Claim 38 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 37, wherein the upper periphery of the at least one recess has raised edges.

Claim 39 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 23, wherein

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the surface is on a plate which is preformed and stands alone.

Claim 40 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the at least one recess is a trough in which the particulate material is accommodated.

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Claim 41 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 36, wherein the dimensions of the at least one recess in which the particulate material is accommodated, are smaller than those of the pests to be controlled.

Claim 42 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 23, wherein the surface is part of a tubular trap.

Claim 43 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 42, wherein the trap has a triangular cross-section.

Claim 44 (Previously amended): Apparatus according to claim 42 wherein the surface is an interior surface of the trap.

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Claim 45 (Currently amended): A pest control trap comprising a surface having at least one recess therein, and a particulate material incorporating a pest killing or behavior-modifying agent and accommodated in the at least one recess, the particulate material being sufficiently fine as to become both airborne and being capable of being electrostatically charged when rendered airborne by movement of the pest flying in the region of the surface.

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Claim 46 (Previously amended): A trap according to claim 45, wherein the at least one recess has dimensions which are smaller than those of pests to be controlled.

Claims 47, 48 and 49 (Cancelled)

Claim 50 (Previously amended): A trap according to claim 45, wherein the particulate material is chargeable by friction as it is rendered airborne, for subsequent contamination of a pest in the vicinity thereof.

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Claim 51 (Currently amended): A method of preventing the dispersion of a pest-contaminating particulate material from a surface of a pest trap, the method comprising the steps of forming the particulate material to be sufficiently fine as to become both airborne and ~~capable of being~~ electrostatically charged when rendered airborne by ~~movement of a pest~~ flying in the region of the surface, and accommodating the particulate material in at least one recess in the ~~a~~ surface of the trap.

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Claim 52 (Cancelled)

Claim 53 (Currently amended): A method according to claim 51, wherein the particulate material is protected from wind action while within the at least one recess.

Claims 54 and 55 (Cancelled)

Claim 56 (Currently amended): A method according to claim 51 ~~55~~, wherein downthrust of air generated by the pest's wing beats, renders the particulate material airborne.

Claim 57 (Cancelled)